UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

FILED MAY 15 2006

SOUTHERN DIVISION

CITY OF LIVONIA EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated and derivatively on behalf of NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION, d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY,

Plaintiff,

-and-

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD.,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

-VS-

MICHAEL J. HANSON; E. LINN DRAPER, JR.; STEPHEN P. ADKI; JON S. FOSSEL; JULIA L. JOHNSON; PHILLIP L. MASLOWE; and D. LOUIS PEOPLES,

Defendants,

and

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION, d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, a Delaware corporation,

Nominal Defendant.

CIV 05-4178

ORDER DISMISSING PLAINTIFF-INTERVENOR'S COMPLAINT

**************** Plaintiff-Intervenor, Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. ("Harbinger") and Defendants entered into a stipulation to dismiss Harbinger's complaint without prejudice in light of changed circumstances. (Doc. 338.) Pursuant to Rule 41(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Harbinger's complaint will be dismissed without prejudice.

Harbinger filed a Motion to Compel Defendants' Return of Inadvertently Produced Documents, Doc. 267. The three e-mails at issue were provided to the Court and the motion will be granted. Harbinger also filed a Motion to Compel, Doc. 318, requesting that the Court enter an order compelling Defendants to produce documents responsive to Harbinger's Request for Production of Documents. This motion will be denied as moot in light of the dismissal of Harbinger's complaint. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That the Motion to Dismiss, Doc. 338, is granted and Harbinger's Intervenor Complaint, Doc. 165, is dismissed without prejudice.
- 2. That Harbinger's Motion to Compel Defendants' Return of Inadvertently Produced Documents, Doc. 267, is granted. Defendants shall promptly return to Harbinger the documents referred to in Harbinger's memorandum, Doc. 268, and destroy any copies Defendants may possess. Defendants shall also inform the Clerk of Court which documents contain e-mails discussing and characterizing the content of the inadvertently produced documents and those documents shall be sealed by the Clerk of Court. Defendants shall file redacted versions of any such documents with the Clerk of Court.
- 3. That Harbinger's Motion to Compel, Doc. 318, is denied as moot.

Dated this 15 day of May, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

Lawrence L. Piersol

United States District Judge

ATTEST:

JOSEPH HAAS, CLERK

BY: Shely margules